

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-59. (Canceled).

60. (New) A smart mobile apparatus for annotating a document comprising:

a data storage medium configured for storing a text document and a plurality of annotations information records, wherein said plurality of annotations information records is linked in a hierarchical tree structure to said text document;

a document processing engine configured to obtain said text document and a subset of said plurality of annotations information records from said storage medium for synchronous playback as an audio source;

an audio playback interface configured for controlling playback of said audio source by a user;

an audio input interface configured to obtain at least one audio comment from said user; and

an annotator configured to generate a relationship information between said audio comment and said audio source, said annotator further configured to save said audio comment and said relationship information in a subset of said plurality of annotations information records.

61. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said data storage comprises removable media.

62. (New) The apparatus of claim 61, wherein said removable media comprises flash memory.

63. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said audio source comprises a streaming media file.

64. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said relationship information comprises an index identifier for said comment.

65. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said relationship information comprises identification data of said user.

66. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said annotations information records comprises a plurality of name records, wherein each of said plurality of name records includes an associated plurality of index and comment records.

67. (New) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein said hierarchical tree structure comprises:

said text document as said top level;
said plurality of name records as a next lower level; and
followed by said plurality of index and comment records.

68. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said subset of said plurality of annotations information records is selectable by said user.